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"... THERE IS BUT ONE ROAD TO PEACE AND THAT IS THE ROAD OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING."

—Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations

INSTITUTES ON RACIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Eden Seminary

July 10-14, 1950

Lincoln University

August 7-11, 1950

Dr. F. L. Schroeder, President of Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., as host, extended a cordial greeting to the people attending the Interdenominational Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations. The Institute was sponsored by the Interdenominational Committee for Cooperative Work in Race Relations, J. Oscar Lee, chairman and adviser on Institutes, and the Race Relations Department, American Missionary Association, Congregational Christian Churches, Galen R. Weaver, Director, who served as Dean.

The Committee commends the Evangelical and Reformed Church for its cooperation in making available the services of the Rev. Jefferson P. Rogers, Associate Secretary for Race Relations, and the facilities of Eden Seminary as a place of meeting.

A major concern of the Institute was the experience of local churches in becoming racially inclusive. The churches and the person relating the experiences were as follows: First Baptist, Chicago, Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa; Pilgrim Congregational, St. Louis, Miss Mary Boling and Dr. Park White; Holy Ghost Evangelical and Reformed, St. Louis, Rev. Ralph Abele; Elliot Congregational, Boston, Dr. Charles C. Keith. From the experiences of these churches it was apparent that "the pastor has the responsibility and privilege of leading the members of his congregation in making the changes and adjustments necessary to become an inclusive church."

The church's endeavor to achieve equal opportunities for all people and the integration of activities in the life of the community was discussed by Dr. Herman H. Long, Nashville, Tenn. "Our real problem," stated Dr. Long, "is to develop a way to make available the resources in the community for integration."

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On the lovely rolling campus of historic Lincoln University, Pa., 75 people from eighteen states and the District of Columbia assembled for the second annual Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations. They represented twelve denominations, five councils of churches, six church-related agencies and six community organizations. The Institute was similar to the one held at Eden Seminary. The Rev. Wm. H. McConaghy, Director of the Racial and Cultural Institute, Presbyterian Church USA., served as dean.

The Committee for Cooperative Work in Race Relations is indebted to Lincoln University for the use of its facilities as a meeting place, and for the personal services of Dr. Horace Mann Bond, President, and Dr. Jesse Belmont Barber, Dean, of Lincoln Seminary.

The experiences of four local churches in their efforts to move toward a racially-inclusive church were shared with the group. Three pastors—the Rev. James H. Robinson, Church of the Master (Presbyterian USA), New York City; the Rev. Arnold J. Dahlquist, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jamaica, L. I.; the Rev. E. Luther Cunningham, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Philadelphia—and a church secretary, Mrs. Harold J. Richardson, Elliot Congregational Church, Roxbury, Mass.—told the stories of their churches. The Rev. Alfred J. Schroder, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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This is a SPECIAL ISSUE featuring some of the activities, projects and services of the Department of Race Relations. The next issue will return to the regular type of *Interracial News Service*.

WORLD CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The importance of religious education in rebuilding a "shattered world" was stressed by Lord Mackintosh of Halifax, England, in his presidential address to the World Convention on Christian Education meeting in Toronto, Canada, August 10-16. Nearly 5,000 Christian Education workers representing interdenominational bodies of more than 60 countries registered for the Convention.

In the afternoon the Youth Division conducted a series of seminars. Three of these seminars were devoted to inter-group relations. The seminar on "Protestant-Catholic Relations" was conducted by Dr. R. C. Chalmers, an associate secretary of the United Church of Canada. In considering how to improve Protestant-Catholic relations Dr. Chalmers urged Protestants to "beware of carrying the doctrine of the separation of Church and State to ridiculous extremes."

Dr. J. Oscar Lee, executive secretary, Department of Race Relations, Federal Council of Churches, was the resource leader in the seminar on "Christian Approaches to Race Relations." The fundamental facts about race were presented by showing the film strip, "We Are All Brothers." Dr. Lee stated that "the Christian's responsibility for achieving brotherhood in race relations is found in the essential nature of the Christian Gospel. It rests on the central Christian beliefs that all men regardless of race are God's children and have infinite worth, and that all men are included in the saving work of Christ." Another feature of this seminar was a symposium on "Racial Issues in the Modern World." The participants included Dr. John Karefa-Smart and the Rev. E. A. Adegbola, of Nigeria, West Africa; the Rev. P. T. Sarumpaet, Sumatra, Indonesia; the Rev. Mortimer Arias, Mercedes City, Uruguay.

The seminar on "The Christian Conscience and Jewish-Protestant Relations"

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J. OSCAR LEE, *Executive Secretary*
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches

Dr. J. Oscar Lee became Executive Secretary of the Department of Race Relations of The Federal Council of Churches, March 1947. Since the retirement of Dr. George E. Haynes, December 1946, he had served as acting secretary. He came to the Department of Race Relations as Field Secretary in January 1946, from the Connecticut Council of Churches in Hartford, where he had served as Assistant Secretary since 1944.

J. Oscar Lee was born in Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of Lincoln University, Pa. (B.A., 1931) Yale Divinity School, (B.D., 1935), Columbia University, (M.A., 1940), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, (Th.D. 1946). He served as an instructor, School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C., Assistant Chaplain, Hampton Institute, and Professor, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

MAKE BROTHERHOOD REAL

Race Relations Sunday, February 12, 1949
140,000 pieces of material sent to 47 States,
District of Columbia, Canal Zone, Hawaii
and India.

UNITED FOR BROTHERHOOD THROUGH INSTITUTES ON RACE

Lincoln University, Pa.

August 8-12, 1949

The Rev. William H. McConaghy, Dean

Seminar group of members attending the Lincoln Institute, 1949.

There were 50 people attending the Institute from 18 states, representing 11 denominations, 6 local church councils, 6 church-related agencies, and 4 community organizations. The second annual Institute was held at Lincoln University, August 7-11, 1950.



THIRD ANNUAL RETREAT

Seabury House, Greenwich, Conn.

June 2 and 3, 1950

The Retreat affords opportunity for fellowship, cooperative planning of programs, and exchange of methods and ideas. It serves as the means for co-ordinating the resources and staff of denominational and interdenominational agencies in the execution of programs and projects in the area of race relations.

The Interdenominational Committee on Cooperative Work in Race Relations, elected by those attending the Retreat, serves as an ad interim group, and plans for the next Retreat and the Annual Institutes on Racial and Cultural Relations.



Race Relations Secretaries attending Retreat.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

February 11, 1950, will mark the 29th Annual Observance of Race Relations Sunday. This is an occasion for fellowship across racial lines. It gives an opportunity for mass education.

A Message is issued by the Federal Council of Churches. Programs are prepared for church groups, children, youth and women, as well as factual information about Spanish-speaking people, Japanese, Indian and Negro Americans.

The denominations, councils of churches, local churches and community organizations sponsor community-wide meetings, radio broadcasts, union church services, exchange of pastors, youth fellowship and women's groups on an inter-racial basis.

WORK WITH DENOMINATIONS

Through correspondence and personal conference the secretaries of the Department render service to the member denominations of the Federal Council. This service covers both consultative aid in program planning and personal assistance in program execution. Among the types of service rendered are: program plans, social action seminars, addresses at state, regional, national, and international meetings, forums and panels in local churches, pastors' meetings, colleges, seminaries, youth conferences, work camps, and writing articles for publication in church periodicals. During recent months service has been rendered to eighteen denominations.

CIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

CULTURAL RELATIONS



Eden Theological Seminary

Webster Groves, Missouri

July 10-14, 1950

The Rev. Galen R. Weaver, Dean

Pictured are the delegates and leaders who participated in the Institute.

There were 58 people attending the Institute from 17 states and Hawaii, representing 11 denominations, 2 local church councils, 3 church-related agencies, 6 community organizations.

BRIEF AMICUS CURIAE

At the request of the Department of Race Relations, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, on September 20, 1949, voted to file a brief amicus curiae with the United States Supreme Court in support of Heman Marion Sweatt's petition to enter the Law School of the University of Texas. The Presbyterian Church, U.S., at the request of its representatives on the Executive Committee, dissociated itself from the brief. The United States Supreme Court rendered a unanimous favorable decision in this case on June 5, 1950.

The Department in cooperation with other organizations will continue its efforts to open other doors of opportunity to American citizens who are members of minority groups.



Pictured are Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary, Mrs. Douglass Horton, Vice-President, Bishop John H. Stamm, President, and Dr. J. Oscar Lee, presenting brief to Federal Council's Executive Committee.

WORK WITH CHURCH COUNCILS

A new program for the development of race relations in state and local councils of churches is available for 1950-51. At the request of the Inter-Council Field Department, Unit 7 in the Church Cooperation Series, "A Manual for Cooperative Work in Race Relations", has been prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Department of Race Relations. Included in this program are: Opportunity for local councils in race relations; how to organize a committee and relate it to the total program of the council; how to build and execute a program of education and action; a description of activities that can be carried on; and a compilation of program resources.

During recent months consultative service in program plans and personal aid in program execution have been rendered to 44 councils of churches in 21 states,

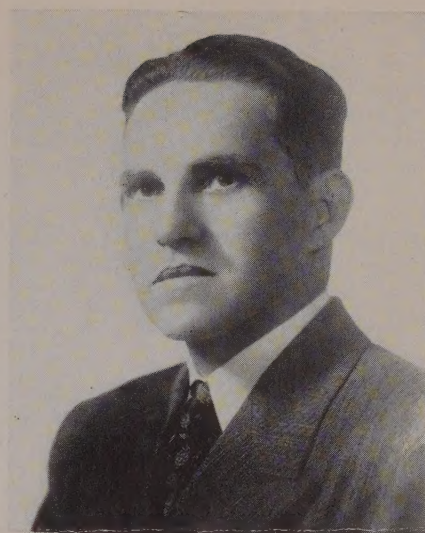
RACE RELATIONS CLINIC

Community Clinic

The interracial clinic is a procedure to enable leaders in local communities to examine the facts about the situation in race relations; to discover the points of progress and areas of tension; to agree upon methods of procedure and organize for action. Clinics have been conducted in more than 25 cities.

Clinic on Church and Race

Councils of churches in several cities have conducted clinics on church and race to discover the racial policies, practices and programs of churches and church-related organizations. They use this data in developing programs for the race relations committees of the church council, local churches, and church organizations.



THOMAS C. ALLEN, Co-Secretary
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches

Dr. Thomas C. Allen became Co-Secretary of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches, September 1948. Prior to that time he had served as Director of the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation which later became the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches.

Thomas C. Allen was born at Chase City, Virginia. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, (B.A., 1921), and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, (Th.M., 1924, Th.D., 1927). Since his graduation he has served as Professor at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and as pastor of churches in Sparta and Warrenton, Virginia. During both of his pastorates he was actively interested in promoting racial goodwill and understanding in the community.

COMMUNITY CLINIC

The Clinical Approach to Race
Relations

Your Community and its Unity

Enlistment for Brotherhood
in Your Community

CHURCH CLINIC

Eden Seminary

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A series of panel discussions on how church-related institutions, such as schools, colleges and hospitals, can extend their service to all people, was another feature of the Institute. Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, President of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; Jefferson P. Rogers, Evangelical and Reformed Church; William H. McConaghy, Director of the Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and J. Oscar Lee, Executive Secretary, Department of Race Relations, the Federal Council of Churches, served as resource leaders.

Wednesday afternoon the entire group went on a field trip visiting St. Louis Children's Hospital; a Day Nursery in Centennial Christian Church; the People's Art Center; Evangelical and Reformed Fellowship Center, and St. Peter Claver's Roman Catholic Church, where Father Patrick Molloy, his interracial parish and the Catholic Interracial Council were hosts. The purpose of the field trip was to give those attending the Institute an opportunity to see in daily practice some of the things which they had been discussing.

The Worship periods of the Institute were led by the Rev. Ralph Abele. Musical numbers of Mr. Ollie J. Jackson, lyric tenor of Tyler, Texas, dramatized the value of music in bringing the races together. The Cosmopolitan Choir, an interracial and interfaith group, gave several musical numbers.

World Convention on Christian Education

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was under the leadership of Dr. J. V. Thompson, Religious Education Consultant on Interfaith Activities, American Jewish Committee. An outstanding feature of this group was the showing of a number of films setting forth the basic facts in this area. They included, among others, "Brotherhood of Man," "Make Way for Youth," and "One God."

The principal speaker for a youth rally held at Maple Leaf Gardens in connection with the Convention was Joel Sorenson of Sweden, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He called on Christian young people to "get into politics and clean it up. We must have Christians in the political life of our nations," stated Mr. Sorenson, "if we are concerned with Christian Society. Now is the time for Christian youth of the world . . . to be in the places where crucial decisions are made." Dr. C. W. Li of China, chairman of the World Christian Youth Commission, told the audience that an historic role has fallen on the youth of this generation. "This is a moment of decision," he said. "Either we accept this role or it will be forced upon us."

Lincoln University

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of the Bronx, New York, evaluated these presentations and pointed out the similarities of procedure that appeared in each, adding that the experience of his church had been essentially the same.

The church-related hospital and college were given consideration in a series of group discussions. Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, President, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, Dr. Tollie Caution, National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Mr. Henry Lee Willet, member Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and director on a local hospital board, shared with the group some of the problems, difficulties and successes in getting hospitals to adopt a policy of training and service to all who apply without discrimination as to race, creed or national origin. The church-related educational institution was discussed from the angle of the several groups involved such as: students, faculty, administrative staff, trustees, as well as the relation between the institution and the community in which it is located. The Rev. Galen Weaver related the salient points in an interview schedule which he has used in his work with Congregational-Christian colleges.

The third area of concern was the role of the churches in improving race relations in society. Mr. Frank Loescher, Executive Director of the Philadelphia F.E.P.C. and Miss Florence Kite, Executive Secretary, Committee on Race Relations, Society of Friends, Philadelphia, pointed out the particular importance of employment and housing, since these so largely determine the quality of life.

Mr. Max L. Franzen, Director of Community Relations, International Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., demonstrated and discussed the use of audio-visual aids in

human relations. One afternoon and evening were spent by the group in visiting projects of racial and cultural interest in the Philadelphia area.

The effectiveness of the Institute was perhaps best illustrated in the following personal testimony: "I am convinced that only as we of different backgrounds and races come together and learn to understand one another, can we live in peace and harmony." Dr. Jesse B. Barber did much to give the group a sense of unity as he led the worship periods each day.

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INFORMATION AND COUNSEL

The Department of Race Relations serves as a clearing house for information and counsel on interracial problems. An increasing number of requests come from national and local community organizations, churches, colleges, schools, and persons, such as students, teachers, ministers and social workers. During the year about 100 personal conferences are held, and replies are made to more than 500 requests for information.

The services include such items as bibliographies, audio-visual aids, program plans to be executed in local communities; aid in securing speakers, advice in handling rumors involving race, counsel on the preparation and distribution of literature on race relations; and conferences with individuals of racial minorities on such problems as employment, vocational choice, selection of proper educational institutions for training and housing. Many times service is best rendered by a referral to the proper agency.

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